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SENT VIA EMAIL

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Dear Dr. Nevin:

This letter is the final response to your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of April 9, 2019, assigned #19-00663-FOIA, seeking:

"All documents, including emails, written correspondence, memorandum, meeting agenda, and any other records of consultation between the Peace Corps and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, from January 1, 2018 to the present, related to the Peace Corps' anticipated or completed implementation of section 101(a)(2) of the Sam Farr and Nick Castle Peace Corps Reform Act of 2018 (Public Law No: 115-256), which requires that "The Director of the Peace Corps shall consult with experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding recommendations for prescribing malaria prophylaxis, in order to provide the best standard of care within the context of the Peace Corps environment".

The requested documents will be made available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes."

We located 329 pages of responsive records (148 pages released in full; 181 pages withheld in full). After a careful review of these pages, some information was withheld from release pursuant to 5 U.S.C. §552 Exemption 5.

Exemption 5 protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency. Exemption 5 therefore incorporates the privileges that protect materials from discovery in litigation, including the deliberative process, attorney work-product, and attorney-client privileges. Information withheld under this exemption was protected under the <u>deliberative process privilege</u>. The deliberative process privilege protects the decision-making process of government agencies. The deliberative process privilege protects materials that are both predecisional and deliberative. The materials that have been withheld under the deliberative process privilege of Exemption 5 are both predecisional and deliberative, and do not contain or represent formal or informal agency policies or decisions. An example of information withheld include draft reports.

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The FOIA final release records are located at the following link, which will expire after 30 days. https://centersfordiseasecontrol.sharefile.com/d-s306767427434c279

In accordance with the Department's implementing regulations, 45 CFR Part 5, no FOIA processing fees are due for request #19-00663-FOIA.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 770-488-6277 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Deputy Agency Chief FOIA Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, Suite 729H, Washington, D.C. 20201. Please mark both your appeal letter and envelope "FOIA Appeal." Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted by **Thursday, September 5, 2019.**

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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